



S.O.D.F. NEWS



Volume 2

APRIL 1997

ISSUE NO 4

S.O.D.F FLOOD RELIEF MISSION '97 EDITION

GREETINGS TO ALL!

This special edition of *S.O.D.F. NEWS* is dedicated to all of the victims of March 1997 Ohio Valley flood and especially to those who have lost friends and loved ones in this disaster.

The troops wish to extend greetings to all of those people - many nameless and faceless citizens - who have generously donated their time, money, goods and resources to these victims.

Thanks to all who have used their E-mail networks, Shortwave Radio programs and Fax machines to promote and advertise this cause. We will attempt to list all of the donors in this edition, unfortunately, many donations were anonymous and we regret leaving anyone out.

THIS EDITION GOES WORLDWIDE

Anyone who donated items through SODF will receive a copy of this newsletter if they provided return address. Readers will see something of how we have been operating for nearly eight years. Certain items are repeated from other issues in order to get new readers up to speed.



Many contacts with SODF regarding this special mission were through electronic mail thanks to our new web site opened at the beginning of the flood mission. As was suggested on the site, we heard from coast to coast, -from sea to shinning sea!

6,000 POUNDS OF FLOOD RELIEF SUPPLIES COLLECTED!

Through generous donations to the Southeastern Ohio Defense Force, three tons of much needed relief supplies reached hundreds of affected people in the Ohio Valley flood region.

Not since the disastrous 1990 Shady Side Ohio flood, has so many citizens responded so favorably to this Militia.

MEDIA ATTENTION AIDS EFFORT

A front page photograph of the SODF in action helped to advertise the flood relief effort on a local basis.

Local television station WHIZ, sent a reporter and cameraman to document the work of the SODF volunteers which caused many citizens to respond to the supply drive.

WHIZ is the NBC affiliate station for the Zanesville area. See related stories inside this edition.

WEB SITE DRAWS OVER 130 HITS

Over 130 visitors or 'hits' have been recorded by the SODF web site created during the flood relief mission in early March.

PLANNING MEETING ON APRIL 12TH

A special casual planning meeting will be held on April 12th to discuss arrangements and training missions for the overnight field training exercise on the following weekend. Meeting is open to all.

TENTATIVE FTX SCHEDULE

April 19th - Meet in HQ at 11:00 to gather supplies. 12:00 - 1400 set up base camp on training area. 14:00 - 15:30, unit commanders time to conduct training and drills. 15:30 - 17:30 'A' & 'C' field training for night raids. 17:30 - 18:00 debriefing. 18:00 1930 chow. 19:30 - 20:00 night raid exercise. 20:00 - 24:00 conduct night raid. 24:00 - 00:30 debriefing. 00:30 - 02:30 campfire gathering with Col. Goldsmith to discuss training results and goals of individual members. April 7:00 - 0830 break camp. 08:30 - 0930 training. 0930 10:30 return to HQ and secure equipment. 11:00 Btn. formation and end of training.

SPECIAL TRAINING NOTICE:

April 19th and April 20th

First 'overnighter' campout of 1997

Schedule of events posted in this issue.

FROM THE DESK OF COL. GOLDSMITH

I wish to thank all of the troops who worked so hard for the highly successful flood relief mission that you performed this past month.

Operations like this are a large part of our duty as members of the defense force so let's all keep up the good work at training.

Remember that we are in the eyes of the people of Ohio and the Nation and everything that we do reflects upon the Southeastern Ohio Defense Force.

The first overnight campout of this year is scheduled for april 19th and 20th from noon till noon and we need all of you in the field to make this a strong FTX.

HEADLINE FROM THE *TIMES RECORDER*

Members from the Southeastern Ohio Defense Force made the front page of the Sunday of the *TIMES RECORDER* newspaper.

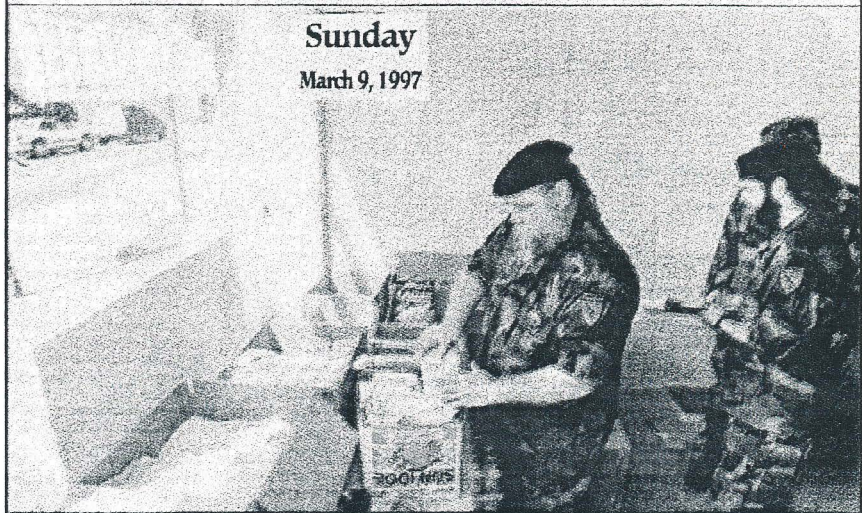
From the left, Sgt. Gheen, Lt. Joseph and Pvt. Goldsmith, pack, sort and catalog donated flood relief items in the storefront below SODF headquarters on 6th street.

Thanks to this photograph and local T.V. coverage, nearly 6,000 pounds of items were collected for the needy.

The last time that the troops made the front page was during the 1990 Shady Side, Ohio flood operation. The Photograph of that operation made the Columbus Dispatch falsely credited as the Ohio National Guard.

Lending a helping hand

Sunday
March 9, 1997



The Southeastern Ohio Defense Force is Ohio's only incorporated, NON-POLITICAL State Militia. Members train in order to assist the citizens of Southeastern Ohio during times of crisis. The S.O.D.F. NEWS is published as a service to the men and women, officers and staff and friends of the SOUTHEASTERN OHIO DEFENSE FORCE inc. (Ref. records of incorporation and miscellaneous fillings, Roll g709 frame 1198, dated Sept, 1989. Articles of incorporation of the SOUTHEASTERN OHIO DEFENSE FORCE.) Interested parties may subscribe by sending a donation to cover printing and mailing costs to SODF headquarters located at 6 1/2 N. 6th street. Zanesville, Ohio. 43701. (614) 454-1352. E-mail RMorgan762@aol.com. Articles may be submitted for inclusion provided that they are of training or survival matters. Items of a political nature will not be printed in accordance to our NON-POLITICAL nature. Donations to this organization are greatly appreciated.

Serving Ohio since 1989 (614) 454-1352

BATTALION BRIEFING

RELIEF MISSION CHRONOLOGY

At our regular Wednesday meeting on March 5th, 1LT Joseph submitted a plan for collecting donations for the flood victims of Southeastern Ohio. Since this would concur with our official mission statement, it was decided to proceed with the plan.

We started making plans and decided to have the drive on the following weekend of March 8th and 9th. 1LT Joseph began notifying members to arrange personnel for the weekend mission.

The next two days, Thursday and Friday, were very busy with planning and making arrangements. The Red Cross and Salvation Army were contacted and a list of needed supplies was obtained and flyers were designed and printed. We notified the local press, TV, radio stations and obtained a barricade permit for blocking the four parking places in

front of the HQ building. The normal cost of the barricade permit was waived by the City office due to the reason of the request. CPL. Morgan added the announcement to our new web page and the *SODF News*. We obtained permission from our landlord to use a temporarily vacant office on the first floor and local law enforcement agreed to keep an eye on the building with all those supplies visible through the windows.

We started out slow because of very little media promotion, a letter of complaint was sent to the local press. Members began taking flyers all over town and asking local business to put them in there stores, most agreed but a few didn't. As the weekend progressed other news sources picked up the story. The web site was visited, E-mail was sent and with the help of E Pluribus Unum, COUM and others, the word of our efforts was broadcast.

We had a great turn out of members helping to unload sort and weigh the

items brought in. Over 3000 lbs of supplies were collected and turned over to the Red Cross, per our agreement for that weekend.

The two day mission turned into a two week venture generating around 6000 lbs of supplies, including UPS shipments. These were taken to the main shipping site being run by the Seventh-Day Adventist Church Community Services, the Salvation Army, and most clothing going to Goodwill Industries Inc.

Response to our effort has been more than we ever dreamed. We have received items from New Jersey to California and support from Michigan to Texas. Other militia units took up the mission and begun helping where needed.

The SODF started to make Certificates Of Appreciation to present to those who have helped, however the response has been too overwhelming. We can only thank the many people who have contributed.

MISSION SUMMARY

All of the relief warehouses in Southeastern Ohio were full and didn't need any more supplies as of Monday, March 17. As a result some items have been retained and used to make emergency response kits in preparation for the next disaster, our rainy season doesn't start until April. These kits are in no way complete and never will be. Nor are they are meant to replace the efforts of other emergency responders, but are meant to supplement them.

We have learned some lessons from this mission, as we do with any mission, training or real. We now have an Emergency Information manual with names and phone numbers of the contacts we made during this mission. A lot of time was used looking up phone numbers

and determining the right person to contact with regard to specific information.

Some people use a donation drive to clean out their closets. Unfortunately some of this clothing is not suitable for wear by disaster victims, they have no means to clean or repair discarded clothing. Therefore some of the clothing was converted into cleaning rags. Used appliances were donated - no good until the electric comes back on. Plates and other dishes were used once then discarded as clean water was reserved for drinking.

The biggest demand seemed to be for disposable diapers and non-electric can openers. Cleaning supplies of all types were needed such as bleach to clean and sterilize, large trash bags, coal or snow shovels, you

can't push mud with a garden spade. Plastic buckets were in great demand as well as heavy brooms. Sponges and scrub brushes were used to clean upholstery. Flashlights were needed until the electric came back on.

Perhaps the SODF got the militia wheel turning, we are but a small cog in that wheel. But once it began to turn, mountains of help went in the direction of disaster victims. We are proud of our small effort, and proud of all Americans who embraced the principal of helping their neighbors in time of need. This is perhaps the finest lesson learned during the 1997 Ohio flood. To paraphrase the Bible; Yea, Thou I Live Through The 90's Under The Shadow Of Doom And Gloom, I Fear Not, For The People Are Still Just And Good.

By Major Gary L. Long

SARA/LEPC Meeting, April 1, 1997

A spokesman from the OEMA (Ohio Emergency Management Agency) Pete Tesner, talked about Rules & Regulations, Standards, and the politicians responsibilities. The safety of its citizens is the responsibility of the political subdivision, such as the mayor of a city or the township trustees. This includes all rescue and relief efforts after any disaster.

This committee is required by regulations to train and prepare for accidents/disasters that include the release of hazardous materials. Our funds for training must be spent in this area, per state and federal law. The reason being that if we prepare for the worst, any other disaster will be easier to handle. In light of the problems encountered in the Southern Ohio flood, it was mentioned that perhaps the committee should look at other types of disasters too.

The flooding was caused by locally heavy rains, in some places 14 inches in 24 hours. This did not run off fast enough and caused some flooding. When the run off did hit the Ohio river there was too much too quickly, the river could not handle all that water in such a short time and it backed up causing the worst of the flooding. The water rose too fast for people to save much of anything. Of the five people who died, four had refused to evacuate, the fifth was a sightseer who was taking pictures and fell into the river. Most of the rescue efforts were for those who refused to, or were slow in evacuating.

As of this writing there are 5000 homeless, their homes destroyed or unsafe due to water damage, 80% did not have insurance. A lot of gas stations were put out of business, their underground tanks were crushed

or floated up breaking through the pavement. Some actually floated away, down the Ohio River. Home fuel oil tanks and propane tanks broke loose and floated away. There is a big problem of where to haul all the destroyed items, where do you dump 5000 chairs and sofas? All the dry wall of moderately damaged homes had to be removed and dumped some place.

Fiberglass boats were no good, in a river full of floating debris they did not last long, aluminum and steel hull boats were needed for rescue work. Emergency shelters were planned for but flood water covered most of them and the people had to find shelter elsewhere. Most of the communication were out when the power was cut off, including cellular and pager systems. Battery powered radios were the only thing working, if they were moved to high ground.

The Emergency Operations Centers (EOC) were flooded. One lady at a fire department continued to operate the radio and dispatch units while the river rose. She was on top of a file cabinet still broadcasting when the power company had to turn off the electricity to prevent fires and electrocutions, she was rescued by boat a short time later.

A lot of maps were needed, bridges and roads were washed out and maps had to be continuously updated. People had trouble replacing their medications, the doctors offices were all closed as well as the pharmacies, even if you had a prescription. Most people could not make it to a hospital, no gas or the roads were closed.

The Ohio National Guard is being praised for their efforts, 1000 troops and about that many pieces of equipment showed up and they actually worked. Looks like they learned something from the 1990 Shadyside, Ohio flood. FEMA arrived in force and was passing out money like candy. They were cutting checks within five days of the start of

the flood, sounds like they also learned from past inefficiency.

I hear the Red Cross did a good job until their national office showed up, then they fell by the way side and everybody just bypassed them. Church organizations took care of most of the immediate relief efforts, providing food, water, clothing, cleaning supplies, etc. They did a lot of the shipping and distribution of supplies as well.

There was a problem with "freelance volunteers" they had good intentions, however, sometimes they were taking resources needed elsewhere or were duplicating efforts. There also needs to be someone in some kind of uniform with all volunteers to direct efforts properly.

If you are in charge of some volunteer effort, beware of people offering help, they may present you with bill for goods or services, even before you're done with the job at hand.

All this has led to some changes in the EMA/LEPC Response Guidelines and another rewrite of the county Disaster Manual. It started out in a one inch notebook, now its three inches thick and growing. The disaster committee is kind of like the SODF. As the wise man once said, "Others learn from their mistakes, we learn from our experiences."

Major Long holds a seat on the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) which has a hand in the Superfund Authorization Reimbursement Fund (SARA)

CERTIFICATES SENT

The S.O.D.F NEWS has sent certificates to those who have contributed to the flood relief effort over the Internet.

Many people have used their networks to distribute information and will receive a copy of this Newsletter.

RE 'C' ON

SEMPER PARATUS !

REPORT

The hills came alive with the sound of gunfire during the first outdoor FTX of 1997 as elements composed of Headquarters company, Recon and three COUM members defended the 'fort' against 'A' company. Odds were against Recon as company 'A' had double the man power of the combined forces group.

The few remaining survivors of 'A' managed to grab the code book from the selected site but the cost in manpower extremely heavy.

□ From my point of view

After the warning order was issued, the main combined group left the parking area and moved along the gravel road with the intention of turning south at the next 'T' intersection. Sgt. Dickerson and myself split from the group and cut across the corner so as to get ahead of the main body in order to recon the designated building we were to use in this exercise.

I spotted a group leaving the parking area attempting to follow Maj. Long and the remaining group of four men. The Major tried unsuccessfully to place a blank shotshell boobytrap at the rear of his travel route to reward his pursuers.

Recon found a freshly bulldozed area along the road that matched the area where the run-down building stood. Falsely believing that the building had been destroyed over the winter, we chose another site about 50 yards away. The chosen site was the remains of a carved stone basement of a former house and was a perfect ready-made defense zone. This spot had an open view of the the road and gave us excellent cover

from the prying eyes of the 'enemy'. Several old tires and mattress springs were scattered on the basement floor with lots of dumped junk surrounding the area. A table was made from some of this junk and the code book was placed in open view (with 'strings' attached of course).

□ The mission underway

While The preparations were underway, Sgt. Dickerson backtracked the trail hoping to locate the advancing troops. He was unsuccessful and returned about a half hour later. With his return, I went back out in the direction he had come from and he went to the South in the opposite direction down the road in the event that they had circled to our flank.

The sky was clear except for some big clouds that would obscure the sun for a brief time, you could see their shadows as they approached from the North-West. When the sun would disappear behind a cloud, I would move in the shadows along a 200 foot length of the road. There are no leaves on the trees yet and given proper sunlight, you can see many hundreds of yards. When the clouds passed over, the grey tree bark and sunshadow would combine to make it hard to see more than a hundred yards.

As I crossed the road to a sniper hide used last year, I imagined that a hundred eyes were on me and that I would walk into concealed enemy troops. I went up and over the berm into the woods and crawled to the edge of the cliff and sat against a tree in the brush where I made some notes, ate a cold spaghetti MRE and glassed the valley for movement.

This spot offered a unobstructed overview of a good portion of the training area. Any enemy movement would be seen easily from this spot since the expected patrol route was through this area. The terrain below sloped down from the cliff into small valleys as shown in the drawings.

I had to watch my back or 'check six' as they say. I expected 'A' to split into two or more groups and if one came from below and one came from behind, I would be trapped.

My hunch was rewarded when I spotted a patrol moving through the coal fields at a distance of 300 yards heading SE. The group was silent until they re-entered the woods and you could hear the dry leaves and snapping sticks. I could guess the identic of many of the people by the way they walked or the type of hats they wore. Quick looks through the binoculars confirmed my guesses.

They moved out of view from my location in the direction of the 'fort' and I had to move along the curved rim of the cliff to track them. My plan was to shoot at one of them and make them change their plan of attack. Any firing would alert the defenders of the fort as to the direction and distance the enemy was from them. As I moved around some trees, I misjudged their distance as the sounds they were making sounded a lot closer. I assumed that they were near the base of the cliff and were preparing to climb up some of the less steeper parts between the rocks-a distance of about 30 feet. The mistake was that I hurried and got too close to the edge where I believed that I had been seen.

Sgt. Galadja saw me and let his patrol move by him as he sat under a tree. - He saw me and I saw him.

Since they were using radios, I imagined that they would call the other squad or squads to attack from the rear. They would assume that I had the whole group with me and they could trap us easily .

But I had other plans for this patrol.

I waited until all of the patrol had moved on out of sight except for the last remaining soldier sitting on the ground.

I sighted on him with the AK and fired three blanks before crawling backwards beyond his sight. Gunfire erupted from the valley as I made my way back to the road. A quick look around the curve behind me gave no sight of the other patrol.

I went to the field HQ and gave my briefing to the Major. All of the men were informed as to what to expect. Charlie 3 was monitoring the communications on a scanner and informing Plummer by 2-meter radio. Major long tried to reach command on the PRC radio with no luck.

I moved South to locate Sgt. Dickerson but I could not find him. As I returned, Major Long, Charlie 2 and 3 were in the road discussing the mission. I saw the enemy approaching in two groups on opposite sides of the road in the woods.

As the three ran back to cover, I shot at the enemy from a hasty cover position. Gunfire could be heard from both groups along the road. Several reports of friendly fire accidents were later reported by the team leaders. Our exact location could not be determined as we took cover. I crawled into the basement position with only my head showing above ground. The weeds and logs made it hard to see out very far. Charlie 3 took out several of the men one by one as they walked toward the area but since we don't use any paintball or other markers most of us don't know who shot who. I shot at several as they tended to gather in small groups and point out attack areas. Many who knew that they were 'out' sat down in the road until after the game was over.

I threw a cheap smoke bomb toward the enemy for fun to obscure the area.

Sgt. Galadja pulled the pin on a fancy store bought smoke 'grenade' and it blew up in his hands giving him a stinging hand.

I was the last one to go thanks to Lt. Joseph as I was busy with Pvt. Brown as he rushed from the left and shot into a corner where he mistakenly thought I was. Some one got the book after they poked it with a stick to set off my nice cap trap.

□ What went wrong and how to fix it.

The weather was sort of chilly and many of the people were not dressed for it. As our group sat for a few hours waiting for the ambush, some got cold or bored and left their posts just as the enemy approached. We were caught with our pants down and several of the enemy positioned themselves in places where we were supposed to be.

To keep warm I used the layered method with longjohns and a sweater under my field shirt. I did not need the field coat and movement kept me warm and too busy to be bored. I use gloves all year round to keep warm and to hide white skin from sun and bugs.

It is never boring trying to outthink the enemy and playing tag with them in the field.

The radio system did not work right and we could not determine what was going on with command. Maybe it is time to dump those out-of-date PRCs and go back to the FMs.

We need to work on the action drills with COUM and set up more detailed, yet simple plans on how to react to an encounter with the enemy. The defender has the advantage against the enemy if he can remain undetected. If you run out of ammo, don't give up. Keep quiet and lay still or move away from the area - you can track them on the way out or go report to the Commander what you have seen. Expect an ambush - the mission is never over until the stand-down order is given.

□ From my note book.

9:50 Leave lot to make HQ at building.

10:00 Observed group following the Major.

10:15 Building believed to be destroyed (falsely) Met-up with Major at alternate site.

10:25 Set up code book trap. Sgt. Dickerson left for patrol.

10:42 Heard gunfire in direction of parking lot.

10:50 Sgt. Dickerson returned. Morgan went out to overlook site.

12:09 4-wheelers went past observation post. Through perimeter.

1:07 Spotted enemy patrol.

1:15 Brief firefight.

1:25 Returned to field HQ.

1:50 Contact! Firefight!

2:00 gathered to return to lot and end of mission.

MAP OF THE AREA



INTRODUCTION TO E-MAIL

Electronic mail is a lot like the normal mail system that you use every day. Everyone on the computer networks have an E-mail address and messages can be sent around the world in minutes using this system.

□ *Similarities within the systems*

First you have an address, mine is RMorgan762@aol.com this represents your home address. I used a simple address which is my name. I had to have a number to distinguish myself from any other R Morgans out there. I chose 762, (7.62) what I shoot in my AK. AOL is my service provider - America On Line - which is the post office.

If I send mail to Sgt. Galadja, I write the note on the computer and send it to his address - zmjh10a@prodigy.com. It goes from my house to the post office (AOL) to the Prodigy postoffice mainframe computer until he retrieves it.

The mail may make several jumps until it reaches it's destination. I can forward any mail to others or send it to dozens of addresses at once without any trouble.

The way that the mail appears depends on the type of mail program that you use. Mine is the one provided by AOL. I download the mail and can print it out on the printer or save it on disk for later use.

Many militias or other groups put out "postings" on a regular basis to which you can subscribe. I receive several From around the country. It's not unusual to receive dozens of messages a day. I got over a thousand in three months.

On occasion, I publish mail that we get from around the country and I will add E-Mail also. The slower land mail that we all get is nicknamed "Snail"-mail. Here are some messages about the flood relief.

Subj: Ohio Help
Date: 97-03-10 11:57:49 EST
From: freedom@netdoor.com (jdavis)
To: RMorgan762@aol.com

What can I do from Mississippi? What is needed most? Let me know when you can

Jeana Davis
Mississippi Militia
Free Spirit Farm and Survival
1/888-245-8061

Subj: Your Homepage
Date: 97-03-14 19:41:19 EST
From: mcompute@infinet.com (Chuck Kline)
To: rmorgan762@aol.com

My wife and I loved your page. It is refreshing to hear about your accomplishments and your desire to work with local officials. Keep on being "part of the solution".

mcompute@infinet.com
<http://www.infinet.com/~mcompute>

Subj: Coming Your Way
Date: 97-03-18 23:30:08 EST
From: surfsupannie@earthlink.net (Anne Moler)
To: rmorgan762@aol.com

Hi,
Got a post from Dot re: need for clothes etc. Just got off a 40+ lb. 2-box shipment. Hope you can still use the items. We sent it via UPS. They said it would arrive by Monday. Your web pages is great and inspirational. Annie & Roger Moler
Hermosa Beach, Calif.

Subj: Information
Date: 97-03-13 18:53:52 EST
From: Patriot OH
To: RMORGAN762

Can you send me more information on SODF and what you stand for? Thanks.

Dan Toth
27th Ohio Brigade
Cuyahoga County Militia
PatriotOH@aol.com

Subj: Contact
Date: 97-03-11 19:48:36 EST
From: DRayner784
To: RMORGAN762, DRayner784

Drew Rayner
Mississippi Militia

Just a note to say hello. Spoke to Major Long a little while ago.

MAIL CALL

Sirs:

Please send me a copy of the S.O.D.F. NEWS. Let me know if I need to send any money to subscribe!

Thanks

F.H.

Columbus. (Ohio)

A copy of this special issue will be sent free of charge to all of those who have asked for it on the Web site or to those who have helped us during the flood relief effort.

Members receive their issue free so that they will be informed about what is happening inside this organization. Those outside may be bored reading about our training but the more readers we get, the wider in scope the information will be.

Publication of this newsletter is around 40 copies which is paid for through donations from members or out of pocket. It costs nearly a dollar per copy to mail and print.

Mr. H. above, sent me a cutout yellow photocopy of the November issue. This indicates that this newsletter reaches many others not on the mailing list. We are always pleased to see them get distributed in this way and it is personally rewarding to hear your comments. ---Keep passing them around!

Since neither I nor this organization can afford to mail this letter in major quantities, You can subscribe for a full year by sending \$12 to this address. R. Morgan 1206 Geneva Ave. Columbus, Ohio 43223-2834

Send in survival information and I will attempt to publish anything that is of the greatest interest to the readers. No political items can be published in accordance with the rules of this organization. :-)

PATRONIZE AREA BUSINESSES

Several local and national businesses with operations in the Zanesville area donated goods or services to the S.O.D.F during the recent flood relief effort.

The SODF members encourage you to support them in return by shopping at their area locations when ever possible and tell them thanks for what they have done to help the people of Ohio.

FIELD SAFETY.

As mentioned in the RECON REPORT section, a member was using a smoke grenade that malfunctioned in the field.

The device was purchased at the General Merchandise store, a military surplus outlet on the far east side of Columbus.

You are required to pull a string to light the device and as he was waiting for the smoke to start, it exploded in his hand.

He received no visible injuries but he was left with a stinging hand.

This device either malfunctioned or was not intended to be held on to. Many members use certain fireworks items occasionally and care should be taken when lighting firecrackers or smoke bombs.

The blanks used in the field are dangerous so never point your gun at someone when in close range. The shotgun blanks are very loud and can be dangerous if you should happen to get something stuck in the barrel. Never fire them in proximity to someone's ears.

The Israeli .223 blanks are too powerful for the clamp-on blank adapter and may very well damage your gun. The 'Hollywood' adapter works the best and is mounted inside the screw off flash hider on AR-15's and variants.

S.O.D.F GETS T.V COVERAGE.

Local television station WHIZ from Zanesville arrived at Headquarters to film the members during the flood relief project on Sunday, March 9th.

Any free positive advertisement helps this organization to grow and should always be taken advantage of whenever possible.

The reporter wanted to interview someone on camera and chose Cpl. Morgan because he was explaining the mission to her and to the camera man.

Apparently, the profile was good enough to be aired several times early in the week which caused donations to the cause to increase dramatically.

Cpl. Morgan lives well outside of the viewing area and hasn't seen himself on T.V

Anyone with a good 1st copy should get it to him for inclusion in a future recruiting video.

S.O.D.F NEEDS FUND RAISING IDEAS.

Since S.O.D.F relies on donations and membership dues to operate, an attempt to raise money is underway.

In the past gun raffles were held with minor success as several people didn't sell their tickets.

The possibility of holding a raffle at a major gun show in the Columbus was discussed and we want to provide a good value to the buyer.

Any ideas about fund raising is helpful but we will not sell bootleg versions of someone's copyrighted videos, books or tapes as do some Militias. Nor will we sell political gossip of any kind.

A positive image helps us to recruit some new members into your organization. We need your input.

WEB SITE UPDATE

The S.O.D.F. Web page has gotten over 210 visits or 'hits' in the past few weeks due to the large amount of E-Mail traffic following the flood relief mission.

The material published on the site is too large to include here, but a copy can be seen in Headquarters each month.

Frequently asked questions (FAQs) :

□ *What is a Web page?*

A subscriber to a service provider is often allotted a certain amount of space on the provider's mainframe computer where you can store information or files.

You will notice that many organizations and groups will list their Web page (site) on advertisements and billboards. This site will provide to those browsing along the Internet, information on the groups mission or facts about their products etc. The S.O.D.F. recently established a Web site available to anyone in the world who gets the address.

□ *How can I see this page?*

Computer users connect to an Internet service provider through a modem where they are charged a monthly fee. Some fees are as low or lower than \$10.00 per month and will give you unlimited access to the World Wide Web.

By entering the page address, you can see and download the information that the site has to offer. While SODF currently has a simple one page site, many sites have several pages that are linked together and require you to 'click' on certain spots shown on the screen in order to jump from page to page.

Many Web site authors delight in making their pages with fancy images and catchy themes.

□ *What's in the address?*

The S.O.D.F. web address is:

<http://members.aol.com/RMORGAN762/index.html>

Http stands for Hyper Text Transfer Protocol. This is a special program that allows the dozens of computer operating systems to be able to communicate on the same level. Html is Hyper Text Markup Language - this is the language that lets you make a web page possible. You can learn the language or use a program that converts your information into the language.

Since I used the program provided by America On Line, the address was created automatically as shown.

Consider this address - <http://www.VIBE.com>. This is the address for Vibe magazine. The www stands for World Wide Web. Vibe magazine has their own huge spot on the web called a 'domain' as indicated by the term - Com.-.

□ *What is a 'hit'?*

When someone visits your site it is called a hit. You can include a hit counter on your page to count the number of visits that you have had to your site. The SODF page has over 90 hits in three weeks - most due to the extensive E-mail traffic over the Flood relief mission.

The S.O.D.F. web site also has an E-Mail link that lets the visitor contact the creator of the page with questions or comments. Its an excellent marketing tool.

□ *What is a 'Link'?*

Another term for the web page address is called a URL or Universal Resource Locator. When you type in the URL, your server mainframe searches throughout the net until it finds the requested information and brings it to your door.

If you want to call the readers attention to another page or to another site similar to your own, you can put in a link to that other site by

having them 'click' on a certain spot on your page. The computer will search until it finds that other site you requested without you having to type in long URL's. Currently, the SODF page is without links to other places but I have found that COUM and the Stark County Militia has provided links to our page.

With all things considered, this Web page can be a useful marketing tool. The hope is that many people out there will hear about the S.O.D.F. and will come to embrace some of the goals that we have accomplished.

□ *Visit these sites:*

www.ghillie.com

<http://home.megalinx.net/~pandar/>

□ *Neat E-mail addresses:*

harpo@interaccess.com (Oprah Winfrey)
abcnews@class.org
marketing@cbs.com (CBS)
nightly@nbc.com (NBC News)
WWW@pbs.com (PBS)
sightings@aol.com (T.V. Show)
foxnet@delphi.com (Fox Network)

WRITERS WANTED

The S.O.D.F. NEWS is looking for your input for inclusion in this paper. If you have any non-political items you have written, submit it for publication. Items may be edited for space or clarity.

Tom Plummer has agreed to add something occasionally. He writes a Newsletter for OUMAAC called the *OHIO MINUTEMAN* and has mentioned us several times in his publication. SODF made the front page this time with an article about the flood relief mission. Paste-ups of his columns may appear here at some point.

CORRECTIONS

□ *Telephone contact cards.*

Change the prefix for Deitrich to 453 and change the prefix for Ray to 453. Sorry for the errors and any change should be reported ASAP.

Seat Belts and Air Bags



Child Safety Points

Infants in rear facing child safety seats should **NEVER** ride in the front seat of a vehicle with a passenger side air bag.

Children 12 and under should ride buckled up in a rear seat.

Small children should ride in a rear seat, in a child safety seat or booster seat approved for their age and size.

Adult Safety Points

Always buckle up snugly, with minimum slack in the lap and shoulder belt.

Sit as far back as possible, tilting the seat back slightly rearward if necessary.

Adjust the tilt steering wheel so that it provides the maximum distance between the air bag and the driver.

Foot pedal extenders may be used for short stature drivers.

Part Two of basic reloading will be in next month's issue in order to make space for the flood relief information.

Patronize the businesses listed on this page - Those who helped out with the flood relief mission '97



(614) 453-0783

Pat O'Dwyer

COMMUNITY SERVICES CENTER

Sponsored by
Zanesville Seventh-day Adventist Church
824 West Taylor Street
Zanesville, Ohio 43701

Universal Construction

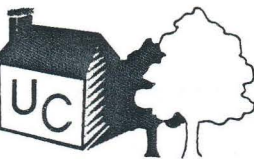
25 Years of Combined Experience

COMMERCIAL • RESIDENTIAL
Interior and Exterior Remodeling

We don't cut corners. we do the job right!!!

All Work Guaranteed • Fully Insured

Dale 614-452-4671
Tony 614-754-1167



2875 N. Linden Ave.
Zanesville, OH 43701

Blackstone Diving

Underwater

Inspection • Construction
Welding & Burning • Salvage

Rex Blackstone
4512 Old River Road
Philo, OH 43771

Bus. (614) 674-6848
Home (614) 674-4040

<http://members.aol.com/RMORGAN762/index.html>

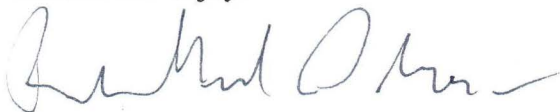
Serving Ohio since 1989 (614) 454-1352

Enclosed is a copy of the **S.O.D.F. NEWS**.

As a member of the **Southeastern Ohio Defense force** and as editor of this newsletter, I take pride in being able to provide you with this current copy of the **S.O.D.F. NEWS**.

Some of you have requested a copy of this special flood edition of this Newsletter. Inside you will find out about what this Militia was created for. You will not find the same old political rehashed rumors and stories published in most other Militia Newsletters. You will however, find information designed to educate you on disaster preparedness and items on how to save money for your future. This newsletter is designed primarily for the members of SODF so that they may be informed about training etc. This newsletter changes in content to suit the readership as outside subscribers grow.

Thanks and enjoy!



Richard D. Morgan Cpl. SODF inc

The SODF is located at:

6 1/2 N. 6th Street

Zanesville, Ohio

43701

\$ 12 per yr

Subscriptions, donations or **NON-POLITICAL** submissions to the **S.O.D.F. NEWS** should be sent directly to the editor for fastest response to:

Richard D. Morgan

1206 Geneva Ave.

Columbus, Ohio

43223-2834